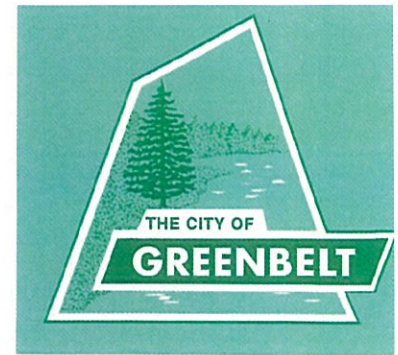


CITY OF GREENBELT

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December 3, 2015

President Barack Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

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As elected officials representing Greenbelt, Maryland, we are urging you to continue taking the lead in moving the global community toward a strong international climate deal currently underway in Paris at COP21, the 21st annual meeting of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Climate disruption is already threatening communities here and throughout the United States. From extreme weather events to increasing public health costs, it is clear that climate disruption is a crisis that needs not only a local solution, but a global solution as well. The commitments made in Paris will help our country become resilient in dealing with climate change by cutting pollution, taking advantage of clean energy, and protecting communities that are the most vulnerable to our changing climate.

We would like to highlight some of the local actions we have taken in Greenbelt to address climate change. These include: 1) shown leadership by becoming certified through Sustainable Maryland Certified Program; and 2) being featured recently in a U.S. State Department video showing the ways our City government and citizens are reducing their impact on the environment. In addition, Greenbelt has utilized several energy efficiency grants to improve our heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems as well as lighting in our municipal facilities. Several of the lighting upgrades were funded through your Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program, part of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act). We anticipate that these initiatives will reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and benefit our community through cost savings as well as serve as a model to other municipalities.

Thank you for your continued leadership on climate change. We look forward to a strong international climate commitment from the United States and the global community.


Emmett V. Jordan, Mayor

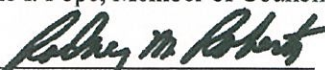

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